

Remarks

Claims 65-85 are pending in the application. Claims 1-64 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 65-85 are newly added.

Objections to the disclosure

Withdrawal of the objections to the disclosure is respectfully requested in view of the amendments thereto set forth above. As to the remarks concerning FIG. 6 (specifically, that two different items are numbered 42), the Applicant believes that FIG. 9, not FIG. 6, is meant. Further, the Applicant observes that reference number 42 corresponds to a "housing," and respectfully submits that the representation of FIG. 9 is consistent with this.

Claim rejections

Section 112

Claims 54-64 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Claim 55 was further rejected under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph. Claims 54-64 have been canceled.

Double patenting

Claims 54 and 55 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 4 of US 6,836,097. Claims 54-55 have been canceled.

Section 102

Claims 54, 55 and 57-62 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Nagai (JP 10-294,135). These claims have been canceled.

New claims

New claims 65-85 are compliant with 35 USC 112, and distinguish over US 6,836,097. Moreover, new claims 65-69 are not anticipated by Nagai. As to independent claim 65, for example, Nagai does not support the asserted rejection for at least the reason that Nagai does not disclose "a rigid housing," "an electrochemical

device having device packaging that is flexible" and "a flexible supercapacitor" as recited. These elements are disclosed in the present application in, for example, FIG. 8 and associated description (see page 10, lines 15 et seq.).

As to independent claim 68, Nagai does not support the asserted rejection for at least the reason that Nagai does not disclose "a rigid housing," "an electrochemical device disposed within the housing," "a flexible supercapacitor disposed within the housing" and "a switch" as recited.

As to independent claim 72, Nagai does not support the asserted rejection for at least the reason that Nagai does not disclose "a rigid housing," "an electrochemical device having device packaging that is flexible" and "a supercapacitor disposed within the housing" as recited.

Finally, as to independent claim 82, Nagai does not support the asserted rejection for at least the reason that Nagai does not disclose "a rigid housing," "an electrochemical device disposed within the housing" and "a supercapacitor mounted internally to the housing and being disposed between the electrochemical device and the housing" (see, e.g. the specification at page 11, line 3, and FIG. 8) as recited.

Conclusion

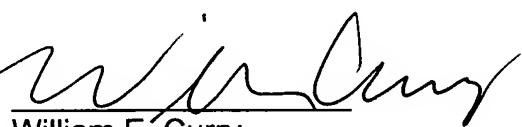
In light of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in all aspects in allowable condition, and earnestly solicits favorable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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